

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3402.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
LATE
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£250,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chen Kit Shau, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai, Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parsons Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS " " "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP.....£250,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
Wm. Keswick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Arnim, Esq.,
Egbert Iveson, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.,
F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
H. D. Stewart, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:—
The Hon. C. P. Chater, Chairman.
The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving,
H. Hopwood, Esq.

Head Office:—3, Princes Street, London.

Branches:—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Agencies:—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous—may be secured by
a payment at the rate of:—

£ 7 7 6 (per quarter if commenced at age
(a. b.)20
£ 8 14 225
£ 10 11 230
£ 13 4 1035
£ 17 15 840
£ 27 12 645

AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
679-21

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAILS 600,000, \$815,338.35
EQUAL TO.....\$318,000.00

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,
LO YUK MOON, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [189]

J. D. KILEY,
MANUFACTURER OF
BALLOONS, PARACHUTES, TENTS, &c.
No. 3, JUBILEE STREET,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893. [169]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ALTERATION IN SALOON FARE.

ON and after MONDAY next, 20th March,
1893, the SALOON FARE to or from
CANTON and HONGKONG will be \$5.
By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary,
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, China Navigation Co., Ld.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1893. [351]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PRIVATE
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will
be held in the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on SATUR-
DAY, 8th April, at 11 A.M.
By Order,

R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1893. [348]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
COAL CONTRACTOR,
COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED
WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.
WATER and BALLAST BOATS.
Manila, 13th March, 1893. [318]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state
that she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.
Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superioress will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1893. [310]

K E B A O.

SOCIETE ANONYME FRANCAISE.
CAPITAL 4,000,000 FRANCS.

LA SOCIETE KEBAO (TONKIN), dont
l'extraction prend tous les jours de l'importance
et qui est seule FOURNISSEUR DE LA
MARINE FRANCAISE AU TONKIN, dont
le Charbon est brûlé d'une façon régulière à
bord des Steamers des MESSAGERIES MARIT-
TIMES, et en particulier à bord du Hapshong,
voilant introduire ses Charbons sur la place de
Hongkong a confié le soin de son Agence à la
maison

SHEWAN & Co.,
Praya Central, Hongkong.
à partir du 1er Novembre, 1892.
Le Directeur Général de Kébao,
HENRY PORTAL.

Kébao, le 10 Décembre, 1892. [42]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL
of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship's Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—
FRESHNESS of the coal.
UNIFORMITY of quality.
FREEDOM from impurities.
Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.
Quick despatch.
BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 6th September, 1892. [890]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL
ex GODOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to

KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [187]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
STAINFIELD'S—1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

VACANCIES FOR GENTLEMEN or MAR-
RIED COUPLES at Moderate Terms.
MRS STAINFIELD,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1892. [49]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,
a Peddler's Hill.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1893. [36]

Masonic.

VICTORIA PRIORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Victoria
Priory will be held on TUESDAY, the
28th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1893. [36]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED, FRESH STOCK OF THE FOLLOWING BRANDS

TOBACCO.

CAPSTAN NAVY CUT.
WILLS' TRAVELLER BRAND.
OGDEN'S FRUIT AND HONEY.
WILLS' BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.
THREE CASTLES.
WILLS' GOLDEN FLAKE HONEY DEW.
OGDEN'S NAVY CUT.
OGDEN'S SILVER VEIL.
OGDEN'S BEST BIRD'S EYE.
HAPPY THOUGHT.
DOLLAR BRAND.
STAR MIXTURE.
GOLDEN EAGLE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1893. [7]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS, Ivoird handles.
BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS, Cedar handles.
SLAZENGER'S "DEMON" TENNIS BATS.
AYRESS' "CHAMPION" TENNIS BALLS.
AYRESS' "WIMBLEDON" TENNIS BALLS.
L. C. & Co.'s "OLYMPIAN" TENNIS BALLS, \$4 per dozen.
"CAVENDISH" SETS POLES and NETS.
"EUREKA" POLES. CHEAP ASH POLES.
STEAM-TARKED NETS. COPPER ROPE for tops of nets.
BAT PRESSES. TENNIS BAGS. BAT OIL.
TENNIS SHOES.
LAWN MOWING MACHINES. {The "Paris," \$17.
The "Henley," \$13.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
HONGKONG, 22nd March, 1893. [107]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

W. POWELL & CO.

PARCEL POST SCALES.

FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD SCALES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES, 200lbs. to 1500lbs.

MILNERS', PHILLIPS and LOWE'S SAFES.

DEED AND PAPER BOXES.

HOWE BICYCLES.

(CUSHION TYRES).

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1893. [16]

W. ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING.....\$ 5.00
6 TUNINGS A YEAR.....\$25.00 PER ANNUM.
12 do do.....\$40.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [58]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers
THE TABLE, PHOTO, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the children being
under particular supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied,
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1893. [198]

Amusements.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF
His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency the Hon. Sir EDMUND B.
FREMANTLE, K.C.B., C.M.G.,
AND
His Excellency Major-General DIGBY
BARKER, C.B.

GRAND CONCERT

BY
PUPILS OF MAESTRO CATTANEO,
in aid of the furnishing of
THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL.
(Supplementary to the
ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL),
at present in course of erection.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

POSTPONED
UNTIL
THURSDAY, the 6th April.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.
1.—Opening Chorus, Sing
Pretty Maiden Sing
Romance and Chorus.
It was a Knight, Ro-
manze, 'Tis the Harp
in the Air; Angelus
Chorus—Maritana, by
Wallace.
2.—Aria, for Bass, Dis-
persasen Vads—Les
Huguenots, by Meyer-
beer.
3.—Aria for Contralto,
Che faro Orla, and
Zuridice, by Gluck.
4.—Piano Solo.....Miss CAROLINA DE SOUZA.
5.—Grand Aria and Caba-
letta for Soprano—La
Traviata, by Verdi.
6.—Romanza for Barito-
ne, Un Ballo in Mas-
chera, by Verdi.
7.—Aria and Allegro for
Soprano, I Puritani, by
Bellini.
8.—Aria for Bass and
Chorus, by A. Cat-
taneo.

Mrs. J. McCALLUM,
Mrs. MUDIE,
and Ladies & Gen-
tlemen Amateurs.
Mr. KRALL.
Mrs. A. G. GORDON.
Miss E. CARVALHO.
Miss E. CARVALHO.
Mr. C. H. GRACE.
Mrs. G. S. COXON.
Mr. C. HOLLIDAY,
and Ladies & Gen-
tlemen Amateurs.

PART II.

1.—Aria for Soprano, and
Miserere for Soprano,
Tenor, and Chorus—Il
Trovatore, by Verdi.
2.—Aria for Soprano, Ro-
berto il Diavolo, by
Meyerbeer.
3.—Aria for Tenor, Come
Gentle Sleep, Ivanhoe,
by Sullivan.
4.—Waltz from the Pac-
ific to the Atlantic, for
Violon and Piano, by
A. Cattanéo.
5.—Habenera & Bolero,
for Soprano, by Yradier
and Ardit.
6.—Aria for Tenor, Salvo
o Dimora, Faust, by
Gounod.
7.—Grand Aria for Bass,
Masetto Secondo, by
Rossini.
8.—Duet for Soprano and
Contralto, Stabat Ma-
ter, by Rossini.
[NO ENCORES.]

Tickets, Two Dollars each, may be had from
Mr. BRYCE, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Messrs.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. ROBINSON
& Co.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1893. [346]

F. Blackhead & Co.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,
and PROVISION MERCHANTS.

NAVY CONTRACTORS, &
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL,
HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE

COMPOSITION for the

BOTTOMS OF IRON and STEEL SHIPS.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT for coating the
insides of STEEL SHIPS.

MOTOR LAUNCHES PATENT DAIMLER.

DAIMLER INDUSTRIAL MOTORS.

TRAMWAYS, COACHES and FIRE

ENGINES.

LIFE-BUOYS, LIFE-RAFTS, LIFE-BELTS

to Board of Trade Rules.

ENGINEERS' and BLACKSMITHS'

MACHINERY and TOOLS.

EVERY KIND OF

SHIP'S STORES and REQUISITES

ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

CARDIFF, AUSTRALIAN and JAPAN
COALS, supplied at the shortest notice to
Steamers at lowest market rates.
Hongkong, 21st October, 1892. [199]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship
"KINGSLAND"
will be despatched as above on SATURDAY,
the 25th instant, instead of as previously adver-
tised.
For Freight, apply to

JOHN ANDREW,
Agent,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1893. [318]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship
"HIROSHIMA MARU,"
Captain H. Walter, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS,
Agent.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1893. [355]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"MACDUFF,"
Porter, Commander, will be despatched for the
above Port on or about WEDNESDAY, the 5th
proximo.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1893. [337]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. V. British Ship
"CELTIC CHIEF,"
Owen, Master, will leave here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [241]

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

S. S. "RIVERSDALE,"

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed at their
risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-
DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to
rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd
inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 23rd inst. at 1 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1893. [328]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE GOOD S.S. "PEKIN" and S. S.
"KWONG-MO."

For Particulars apply to

SUI KEE CHAN,
53, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1892. [37

PARIS, February 15th.
A semi-official note is issued declaring that the reports regarding cholera cases discovered in Marseilles are exaggerated and entirely of an alarmist character. The reports, the note adds, were prompted by persons who have a motive in spreading them. Statistics of the city show that from January 1st to February 15th the deaths were 243 less than during the corresponding period in 1891.

NEW YORK, February 15th.
Billy Madden is red-hot to have Charles Mitchell fight him, Joe Goddard, and as an inducement to the Englishman to take up the Australian instead of Jim Corbett, Madden offers to wager \$10,000 to Mitchell's \$7,000 that Goddard will get the decision if they ever meet in the ring.

The following is a copy of a dispatch sent to New York last night by "Parson" Davies. It explains itself: "On February 15th, 1893, at 10 o'clock, the *World's* Editor, Mr. Corbett, was informed that I withdrew my deposit of \$2,500 if he negotiates with Mitchell first. Jackson, by also winning the championship of Australia and the Pacific coast, which is Corbett's home, is therefore entitled and insists upon first choice or, none. Mitchell does not hold any championship."

WASHINGTON, February 15th.
No action is taken or is likely to be taken by the Treasury Department other than what was already published, to carry out the provisions of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The Treasury Department provided facilities, under the direction of the Commissioner of Customs, for the Chinese throughout the United States to register, and they can until the 5th of May comply with the law.

BUDA PESTH, February 15th.
During a carnival dance in Poreg, while over 200 people were dancing, a child playing in the basement, dropped a lighted taper through the bughole of a cask full of petroleum. The child was killed by the explosion, which also shattered the floor above and scattered the burning petroleum among the dancers. A dozen persons enveloped in flames ran for the windows and doors, creating the utmost panic.

Ten persons fell through the shattered floor to the basement and were burned to death. Seven of these were whom the oil was scattered died shortly after reaching the open air. Twelve others will probably die and many others are suffering from painful burns and bruises.

LONDON, February 16th.
In the Commons to-day Sir Thomas Esmond, anti-Parnellite, called the attention of the House to a speech made by Viscount Wolmer, a Liberal Unionist, in St. James's Hall, in which he declared that the Irish members subsided on contributions made by the Gladstone caucus. Esmond objected to this. Wolmer admitted that he had gone too far, but believed that he would be justified in saying that some of those furthering the Irish home-rule bill supported the needy Irish members.

Sixteen characterized the statement as an invention, and demanded that the Speaker enforce an apology. The Speaker, however, declined to interfere, as the statement was made outside of the House. Sexton said Wolmer's statement had been used by the *Times* as a basis to heap calumnies on the Irish members, saying that Gladstone's majority would be wiped out if the Irish members did not receive stipends from the Liberal party fund or the private liberal Irish English parties.

The Speaker suggested to Viscount Wolmer that, unless he was prepared with proof of his statements, he should apologize. Wolmer acted upon the suggestion ungraciously. Sexton declared that the editor of the *Times* should be compelled to apologize in the House. Gladstone rose and said that the publication of the article in question by the *Times*, in which corruption was distinctly charged, constituted a breach of privilege.

Mr. Balfour, while making no attempt to defend the *Times*, advised the House to avoid a conflict with the press.

The House, however, approved the motion by Mr. Sexton, that the editor of the *Times* be called to the bar of the House to apologize for the publication of the article.

Lord Randolph Churchill spoke when the debate was resumed on the home rule bill. The scheme, as described, he said, was vague and unworkable. Ireland, he said, had been tranquil for years, and why should Gladstone transfer to a hopeless and impossible scheme? The issue raised by the Premier was virtually a repeal of the Union. Lord Randolph Churchill closed his speech with the prediction that if the home rule bill passed the House the English people would support the Lords in rejecting it.

Lord Randolph Churchill spoke in an acid, slipshod manner which plainly irritated Gladstone. Among the most intense listeners were the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York. After indifferent speeches from Irish members Labouchere spoke briefly, expressing the opinion that the bill was fairly satisfactory and that Gladstone was the greatest living master of the fine art of legislative compromise.

Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State for War, also spoke.

The Irish members later decided not to persist in the demand that the editor of the *Times* appear at the bar of the House to apologize for accusing them of corrupt practices. They will be satisfied with the publication of an apology in the *Times*.

PARIS, February 16th.
At this time, when war talk is common and the Alhward trial is still fresh, pamphlets published by Major-General R. W. White, a highly capable officer, upon the desirability of a new caliber gun for Germany have raised a question of enormous interest. General White considers the present caliber rifle too large and comes to the following conclusion: That all countries will be compelled to adopt a .05-caliber minimum. In support of this argument, he refers to the tests that have been made in Chile, where experiments with a .05-caliber rifle, carrying a distance where a bullet at 5,000 meters passed clean through the body of a horse.

He quotes a test made in Russia, where excellent results have been obtained with a .05-caliber rifle. As emphasizing the utility of a small caliber, the General demonstrates that a soldier can carry an extraordinary number of cartridges. The change from the present .075-caliber to a gun with a .05-caliber as proposed by White would cost the country 350,000,000 marks. If the change were made, it would be the fourth time that the caliber of the German rifle had been altered since 1870.

In the Deputies to-day Layard, Millerand, Delouche and other Radicals and Socialists

made a vicious attack on the Government, charging it with supineness, weak compliance with the wishes of enemies of the republic, etc., and saying that a revision of the Constitution, the separation of the church and state and vigorous social reforms were absolutely necessary. Ribot replied at length, warmly defending the Ministry, denying the charges of the Socialists and asking an expression of confidence that the Ministry would maintain and enforce impartially democratic laws and prosecute a purely republican policy. The order was voted by 315 to 185.

NEW YORK, February 16th.
The officers of the steamship *City of New York*, which arrived this morning fully twelve hours after the *Magick* of the White Star line, deny that there was any attempt at racing across the Atlantic. The *New York* had a new pair of three-blade twin screws, each nine feet in diameter, which had been placed in position shortly before the left Liverpool. Through a slight derangement of the port engines they were stopped February 12th, while she ran at reduced speed under the starboard engines. This caused her to fall behind. There were head seas and fierce westerly gales throughout the voyage.

This is the last trip of the *City of New York* under the British flag. As soon as she had docked a couple of stagings were slung over the vessel's bows and workmen began to remove the gilt letters composing the words "City of New York." The vessel is to be christened *New York* next Wednesday, when the stars and stripes will be hoisted on her in the presence of a distinguished company.

General Abram Daly, a veteran of the war of 1812, died in subject poverty to-day. He was aged 98 years. A pension of \$8 month was allowed him in consideration of his war services.

A syndicate which is to consist of the larger breweries of New York and the territory immediately adjoining, but particularly those of this city, is being formed. Already thirty-eight out of sixty brewers who have been approached have signed an agreement to become part of the syndicate, which is to have a capital of \$100,000,000.

ST. LOUIS, February 16th.
Tom Allen said in an interview that he wanted to bet \$10,000 that Mitchell would whip Corbett, and he knew of \$50,000 more ready to wager the same way. He declared that Corbett didn't use his hands to the best advantage, and couldn't hit Mitchell hard enough to hurt him. He didn't whip Sullivan, who fell from the exhaustion of an unfit system, not from punishment. Mitchell could have whipped Sullivan in three rounds.

DUBLIN, February 16th.
A small fire in the County Lunatic Asylum in Belfast yesterday caused a panic among the inmates. In the struggle to reach the doors twelve persons were injured severely.

LONDON, February 16th.
The bark *Catalonia* has been wrecked off the Mull of Galloway. The captain and seven of the crew were drowned.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 17th.
The Bank of Titled Land-owners recently foreclosed 970 baronial estates whose owners had become bankrupt.

MADRID, February 17th.
Deadly gases in the Impensada mines, near Cartagena, suffocated twenty-seven men to-day.

WASHINGTON, February 17th.
Rear-Admiral Cass, United States navy, died to-day.

BERLIN, February 17th.
Chancellor Caprivi delivered a powerful address in the Reichstag to-day. He declared with unusual vehemence that the attacks of the Agrarian and Anti-Semitic parties directed against the Government and himself would never move him to resign.

It was impossible for the Government to accept bimetalism, because it was neither able to propose a scheme acceptable to England nor to disregard the international markets. The Agrarian and Anti-Semitic movements, the Chancellor declared, were certain of final overthrow.

This speech was believed to mark a complete rupture between the Government and the Conservatives.

The *Deutsche Adelsblatt* says that Chancellor von Caprivi is about to announce his engagement to the widow of Colonel Lehmann of Tilsit.

NEW ORLEANS, February 17th.
Joe Goddard, the pugilist, who is in training at Biloxi, Miss., had a very narrow escape from death on Wednesday, and received a wound that might interfere very seriously with his proposed fight with Smith. The wound, a trainer of George Dawson also at Biloxi training for a fight with Tommy Roys. A dispute took place between Dawson and his trainer, resulting in a fight. Goddard interfered. Alexander struck Goddard with a pitcher. Goddard threw Alexander to the floor, breaking the pitcher. He fell himself, striking on the broken edge. An examination made of the wound showed that the jugular vein was grazed. The wound is not considered very serious, though it may be some time before it heals and in that case it will cause a postponement of Goddard's fight with Ed Smith.

CHICAGO, February 17th.
England's famous Cambridge University crew will be seen at the international regatta to be held in Chicago under the auspices of the Chicago navy. Commodore Dewitt C. Greigier Jr. has received a letter assuring him of the presence of the Cambridge crew. It is understood that the regatta will be given by the sanction of the World's Fair officials and that medals appropriate to the occasion will be issued.

Greigier has also received another letter from the Cornell crew and that university will certainly be represented. Charles T. Esig has received a letter from Fred Gastrick of St. Louis, of the famous Malcolm and Gastrick pair, assuring the presence of the Modoc Rowing Club and the Western Rowing Club of St. Louis.

LONDON, February 18th.
An address has been issued by Justin McCarthy, Timothy Healy and other Irish Nationalist leaders to friends of Ireland in the United States, Canada, and Australia. The address praises Gladstone's bill, and says its enactment should be regarded as a final and triumphant close to the long, bloody and so painful struggle. The address says: "It is impossible for us to carry on even the short remnant of the struggle without assistance of brethren and friends in all parts of the world."

Princess Kikuchi sends the following address to the American people:—

"Four years ago, at the request of Thurston, then Hawaiian Cabinet Minister, I was sent to England to be educated privately and fitted for the position which by the Constitution of Hawaii I was to inherit."

All these years I have patiently and in exile striven to myself for my return this year to my country. I now am told that Thurston is in Washington asking you to take away my day and my throne. No one tells me even this officially. Have I done anything wrong that this wrong should be done to me and my people? I am coming to Washington to plead for my throne, my nation and my race. Will not the great American people hear me?—Kikuchi."

NEW YORK, February 18th.
Michael Kirwin, Controller of Internal Revenue, says all the Chinese have been notified

to comply with the Geary law. Men were specially detailed to inform them of the requirements of the law. Kirwin, when asked what he was going to do on May 1st, said: "Every Chinese who is not registered will be arrested, and will have to go. I am determined to enforce the law."

Only two laborers out of 3,000 have registered.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

In order to be prepared for the dry season the Chinking Prefect has deputed an officer to go to the country and make ditches and ponds at places within short reach of the fields where cereals are cultivated.

The ex-magistrate of Fukiang Hsien, who was sentenced to be banished to the regions of the Amur River, will shortly start on his unpleasant journey. His future is regarded as "full of tribulation and sorrow."

The gentry at Wuchang, together with the local constables and the *hippas*, have lately been engaged in surveying the vegetable gardens in and about the city. It is supposed to turn these gardens into cotton plantations for supplying the mills with the raw material.

On the night of the Feast of Lanterns a goody sized merchant craft, laden with 40 bales of cotton and other cargo, while on its way to Chinking, was attacked by pirates at Tashan. The pirates shot the helmsman, and then took possession of the boat and plundered it.

At an early hour on the morning of the 4th inst. a fire was discovered on board the *Kusan Tung*, while moored at Ichang. The flames were, however, soon put out by the boat's crew. The cause of the fire is attributed to a passenger knocking the ashes from his water-pipe into a basket containing some inflammable cargo.

The gentry in Yenchow lately addressed their Prefect and solicited that official's permission to allow waterworks to be started in the city. The proposal was sanctioned by the Prefect, but it is difficult to predict how high the authorities will regard the scheme, and pending their permission, nothing, of course, can be done.

The *Kolas Hut* chief, K'an Se-ming, who is undergoing trial in the Wuchang prefectural *yamen*, is still maintaining silence. So far, he has flouted the efforts of the officials to extort from him information concerning his colleagues. In spite of his being confined in the prison, he seems to take matters easily, passing the time in laughing and chatting with people.

The case between the owner of the Honan Road (Shanghai) silk-store and the Comprode of the Insurance Company is settled. At the sitting of the Mixed Court on Monday last judgment was delivered in favor of the plaintiff. The Comprode received no compensation, excepting a reprimand from the magistrate. The settlement of the claims will be postponed till the arrival of the arbitrator, who is to decide how the claims are to be adjusted.

Since the New Year holidays the line building party of the Chinese telegraph has been assiduously engaged in the work of constructing the line between Lu-how Fu and Ying-kawel. The work was begun last winter, but owing to the inclement weather it was delayed till now. By the middle of the second moon connection between the native place of the Chihli Viceroys and the trunk line of the telegraph system at Yidgkawl will reach completion.

Judging from the way the *Kolas Hut* chief is acting, he is determined not to gratify the desire on the part of the authorities to let a free from him his secrets respecting the Society. The only offense of which he has confessed himself to be guilty, is that he had played a prominent part in the importation of fire-arms into the country. He says that he committed no offenses in the Hukwang provinces, although in Fukien and Chikiang he had not a clean record.

The three secret society members captured last year by the Nanjing soldiers, have since the opening of the "seals of office" been undergoing trial. There is, however, but little to learn about the proceedings. One man has confessed to the charge of being a member of the society; the remaining two have not incriminated themselves by a like confession. They describe themselves as being country *hippas*. The greatest vigilance is observed in guarding the prisoners.

On the day preceding the Lantern festival a men seated in a four-wheeled sedan was seen calling at different places in Yangchow. The man passed himself off as a director of the Fire Department and went about from shop to shop collecting subscriptions, under pretence of permission from the authorities. The news afterwards reached the ears of the people of the Fire Department, and immediately placards were posted to warn the public of the presence of the impostor.

From Seochuan an unusual occurrence is reported. An innumerable number of swallows, "more in number than the sands of the ocean," alighted on the ground, literally covering mother earth in a compact mass, so much so that pedestrians even found it a difficult task to walk about. The appearance of the birds has caused great consternation amongst the people, who regard it as an omen which presages some great calamity. To avert this the services of the monks are in demand, the people engaging them to chant prayers, etc.

On the 11th inst. a fruit seller's shop outside the Hsien-wu gate at Peking caught fire and the conflagration, extending to the Temple of the Kitchen God, nearly burnt out three buildings inside the compound. Fortunately the arrival of the numerous fire-engines in the district put out the conflagration before more damage was done; but owing to the presence of the Emperor, who was sacrificing in the Temple of Heaven, which is in the neighborhood, the fire-engines were not allowed to aid in putting out the fire for fear of disturbing his Majesty's devotions.

Owing to the river having frozen rather earlier than in former years, the supply of opium and foreign piece-goods was found to be insufficient to satisfy the demands of the northerners. Those who indulge in opium had consequently to have recourse to the native-grown drug. The short supply of foreign piece-goods was felt more acutely by the people, who could not so easily remedy the evil by the substitution of another article, as the market. But those who had stocks of the native goods realized large profits.

The Huangho has again been behaving badly. On the 28th of the 12th moon the river broke its bank at a place in Wuning, Hsien, Shanung, and wrought terrible destruction. As many as 400 villages and hamlets were submerged, with great loss of life. On the 28th ultimo two other

breaches occurred on the northern bank at a place named Sonkatoo. The extent of the damage done this time is still greater than at former periods. The refugees from the inundated districts are now directing their steps to Tientsin. These occurrences at this time of year are regarded as most unusual.

Since the Tientsin robbers were dislodged from their quarters last year by soldiers, there brigands have been over-running other portions of the country. One night near the close of the last Chinese year, a band of bandits, over a score in number, made an attack upon the property of a retired military official living in Ching-hul. The band first made an attack upon the farm of the officer, outside the city. Having securely bound the two firm hands, they entered the buildings and strangled the officer's son. After looting the farm they proceeded to the officer's residence and, there being no one to hinder them, they soon overpowered the house and set it on fire. The reason for this outbreak against Colonel Ching is that he was with the force which expelled the robbers at Tientsin, and had himself taken a hand in their eviction.

Remour having got about in some inexplicable way towards the end of the last Chinese year, that four of the oldest and most wealthy banking houses of Peking, named Heng-ho, Heng-hai, Heng-hai and Heng-yuan, owned by a syndicate of some of the most powerful and wealthiest people in China, were the last stage of bankruptcy, and notwithstanding the fact that it was growing dark, there was a rush made on the four banks in question by depositors; but having fortunately a large supply of silver on hand, the work of paying out continued throughout the night up towards daybreak. The night next morning of "mountains of silver" still piled up in the counting rooms for convenience sake, however, convinced the people who had been forced to wait for their turn, owing to the great crush in the night, that there was still plenty of backbone in the concerns, so that there was a sudden revival of feeling in favour of the banks and no more came either to draw their deposits or cash the banks' issue notes. As these banks held considerable Government deposits, as well as the money of most of the principal merchants in the capital, the strain put on them by the rush that night must have been terrible, but fortunately they came triumphantly out of the struggle and confidence has been restored.

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